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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: David Godfrey Williams
FOR: APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING AND TENSIONING A STENCIL

June 5, 2000
Boston, Massachusetts

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING UTILITY APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).
(Check the appropriate boxes and supply the requisite information)
This application is a:
☐ Continuation; ☒ Divisional of prior application U.S.S.N. 09/483,253, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/983,621.
2. Priority to the above application(s) is claimed under:
☒ 35 U.S.C. §120
Prior application information:
Examiner: R. Yan; Group Art Unit: 2854.
☐ 35 U.S.C. §119
Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S.S.N. ____/____,____ on [Date].
☐ The certified copy will follow.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

3. ☒ Specification and Drawings (Total pages: 21):
Specification(11 pages); Claims(4 pages); Abstract(____ page); and
Drawings: 6 sheets; FIGS. 1-9.
☐ Formal
☒ Informal
4. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission:
☐ Computer-readable copy
☐ Paper copy (identical to computer-readable copy)
☐ Statement verifying paper copy identical to computer-readable copy
5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
6. ☒ Oath or Declaration (Total pages: 2):
(a) ☐ Newly executed (original)

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(b) ☒ Unexecuted

7. ☒ Incorporation by Reference (*can use if Box 6(b) is checked*)

The entire Disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 6(b), is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

8. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)

9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☐ Copy of IDS and PTO-1449 (___ pages)

☐ Copies of references cited

10. ☐ Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

☐ Copy of Statement filed in prior application (Status still proper and desired)

11. Fee Calculation:

☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith. Please enter the claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$690.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	24	- 20 =	4	\$ 18.00	72.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0	\$78.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$260.00	0
				SUBTOTAL:	\$762.00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:	- \$ _____
				TOTAL FEE:	\$762.00

12. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$762.00** is enclosed.

13. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)

This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)(4).

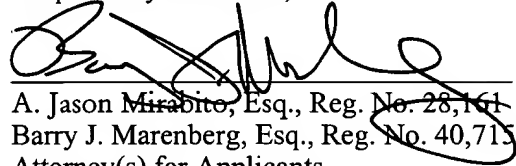
☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

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14. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 17564-118 DIV:
- ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;
 - ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;
 - ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.
16. ☐ Other Documents Enclosed:
- ☐ Change of Attorney Address In Application.
 - ☐ Limited Recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b) for Michel Morency.

Respectfully submitted,


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